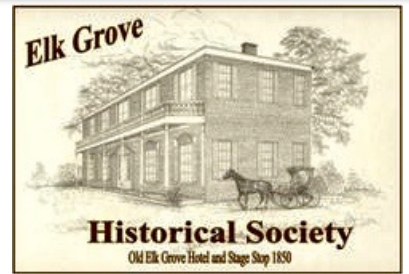


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## Inside the Museum Files: The Prison Ship

The N.S.G.W. plaque on the front of the San Joaquin Township Justice Court and Jail reads, in part... In 1850 the young Sacramento City needed a place to secure the bad elements of its population. The city purchased a ship, the Le Grange, to be moored on the Sacramento River and converted it to a floating prison. Cells were fabricated locally and installed. On November 18, 1859, the vessel sank and 33 prisoners in all, including two females were transferred to the Station house on land. The cells were salvaged in 1863 and 21 of its cells were placed in the new county Jail on dry land. In 1911 Sacramento constructed yet another City Hall and jail, but this time new cells were built along with a new building.

The original cells were given to different townships in Sacramento County. On September 23, 1911, Elk Grove Constable "Pinky" Brenton and his men secured two cells from the old County jail and were "made into a calaboose on the county's lot back of the Odd Fellow building." Further, the Elk Grove Citizen of February 3, 1912 said, "...workman in the employ of J.M. Derr are erecting an 18' x 24' building on a concrete base for the cells recently donated by the County." It was used mostly for intoxicated citizens and hobo's. The Gold Rush era cells served the community of Elk Grove until the 1940's.

In 1983 this building was moved from its original location on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Old Town Elk Grove by members of the Delta Patrol of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and the Elk Grove Historical Society, thus preserving an example of Gold Rush Era Justice in Elk Grove. The building stands erect in Heritage Park, completely renovated with judge's desk and the last two surviving 4-bunk cells that remind us of an earlier time. Take a photo with the kids before you leave, it will be a great memory!!!!

**President Comments:** Thanks to all members, committee chairpersons, volunteers, board members and friends that have made our fundraising activities so successful the last two months of May and June. Your efforts have been noted and are much appreciated! You keep our hopes and plans active for our restoration projects and Heritage Park needs. Also, thanks in advance to those who have been working on future events for September. There is not enough room in my comments space to thank you all by name, but we know who you are. If you are interested in becoming a board member or committee chairperson, now is the time to consider serving next year. The President's job will be open, along with some committee vacancies. Call the business phone (916-685-8115) for inquiries. Happy vacation time to all. Ken

## Spring Tea 2018

The Spring Tea on May 12 was a resounding success. Thank you all who were involved. Please go to our website [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) in the "Photo Gallery" to see the photos.

With lots of hard work and planning and with many volunteers, we cleared about \$7,433.83



**The Winners are!**

### **Decorated TABLES:**

Most Elegant – #3 Rosemarie Miller  
Most Unique – #8, Barbara Claire (above)  
Theme – #14, Rachael Miller  
Peoples Choice - #15, Dina Wilcox

### **Decorated HATS:**

Most Elegant – Marie Wyatt  
Most Unique – Beverly Catchpol  
Theme – Kiana Wilcox

### **Decorated YOUTH HATS:**

Most Elegant – Emilie Steel  
Most Unique – Katelyn Wyatt  
Theme – Christine Lema

Look for more photos on our website







## Empire Mine Bus Tour

On June 21 a group of 39 hearty souls enjoyed the day touring the Empire Mine in Grass Valley. It included park entrance fee, two pre-paid tours of the "Cottage" and mine yard, lunch, walking self-tour of museum, garden, and gift shop. It was so educational and interesting we can't wait for the next bus adventure.

These trips are not fundraisers; we only hope to break even. The society is adhering to its mission of promoting history.

Photos are on our website:  
[elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)



Wow! Thank you everyone for your generous donations, this was the best year ever. We had some large donations, but it was the cumulative of the many smaller ones that made the difference. You should have received our Thank you letter and card for the free car wash at Gilley's. We estimate our total to be \$22,273.



The Yard Sale was awesome and another huge success. Thank you everyone for sharing those old treasures with us and we hope you where able to find a few more to buy.

We cleared about \$8,650.  
Thanks to everyone who helped.  
It was a big job, but worth it.



**The Tanner Collection** - Our director of the Rhoads School has a massive collection of old historic clothing, purses, and hats she has put on display in the Ballroom of our Stage Stop Museum. Come any first Saturday of the month from noon to 4:00 to view the collection.





# Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



This years living history program has come to an end, but we already have thirty classes scheduled for the 2018-2019 school year. We had several new schools come for the first time with more commitments for next year. It will be a busy new school year.

We are already preparing for our big scholarship fundraiser, our Plow-To-Plate dinner and entertainment on September 22 at the museum to kick off History Week.



Refugio Martinez (EGHS '45), 91 years old, graduated from 8th grade at Rhoads School in 1941, dropped by a few months ago just to see how his old school was doing.

## Calendar of Events for July – August 2018



### July

July 4: **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

July 7: Free Museum & Rhoads School **Tours**, child activities, & **Ice Cream Social**. Noon – 4:00

July 9: EGHS **Board Meeting** - Museum

3:00 PM

July 16: **NO GENERAL MEETING** – Summer break

July 26-29: **Strauss Festival**

### August

Aug 4: Free Museum & Rhoads School **Tours**, child activities, & **Ice Cream Social**. Noon – 4:00

Aug 6: Rhoads School **Board Meeting**– 9:00 AM

Aug 13: EGHS **Board Meeting** – Museum

3:00 PM

Aug 20: **NO GENERAL MEETING** – Summer Break

Aug 25: **EG Multi Cultural Festival** – EG Park

Mark your calendar...

## Plow-to-Plate

Dinner & Entertainment

**Saturday, September 22**

Details on our website



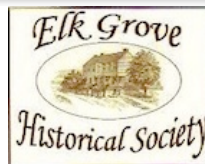
Since 2017



# MEMBERSHIP

The historical society has decided to send our newsletter in an email (.pdf format) to our membership. We can add more information and it will save on printing costs, USPS mailing costs, and labor to prepare it.

Please, make sure we have an email address on file for you or that yours is correct. For updating contact Louis at [lssilveira@comcast.net](mailto:lssilveira@comcast.net)  
Thank you.



When you have an opportunity, please go to our website:

[www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com).

We have updated it with more thorough and interesting information. When you open to the "Home" page, note the menu on your right.



If you have a suggestion for a historical bus trip destination within 1 to 2 hours or less from Elk Grove, please call the Elk Grove Historical Society at 916 685-8115 or call Ken Miller at 760 803-5895.

## New members

# welcome

Sandra Robinson  
Donal Mahon  
David Kent

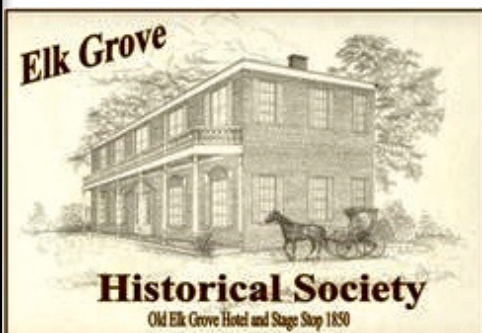


Reminder: For those of you who donated to the Big Day of Giving and received the free \$16 car wash from Gilly's. They **expire** on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	May 2018	June 2018
General Operating Fund	\$10,509.28	\$9,481.70
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$15,000.00	\$14,420.53
Approved Expenditures	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$34,369.28</b>	<b>\$31,762.23</b>
Restoration Accounts:		
General Restoration Fund	\$6,312.27	\$5,684.27
Donations	\$150,970.00	\$150,000.00
Foulks House Fund	\$89,493.45	\$89,493.45
Reese School Fund	\$239.55	\$239.55
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$246,045.27</b>	<b>\$245,417.27</b>
<b>Museum Store Account:</b>	<b>\$1,320.72</b>	<b>\$1,320.72</b>
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$1,407.58	\$1,049.20
Scholarship Fund	\$5,043.66	\$5,118.66
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$6,451.24</b>	<b>\$6,167.86</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$288,186.51</b>	<b>\$284,668.08</b>

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Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum  
Is located at  
9941 East Stockton Boulevard

Adjacent to the West Entrance of  
Elk Grove Regional Park

Museum is open the first Saturday of  
each month or by appointment

Research Library is now open by  
appointment only.

To schedule an appointment:

Email:

[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

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[msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)

Or

Call 916-685-8115



The Lincoln Highway passed  
through Elk Grove in front of the  
Elk Grove House & Stage Stop  
Museum on what is now East  
Stockton Blvd.

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### New Member and Membership Renewal Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a business membership, please complete the following:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Types of Membership and fee structure

Check one

\_\_\_ Individual Person.....\$20.00

\_\_\_ Family Group.....\$30.00

\_\_\_ Student (full time under 25).....\$15.00

\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (65 to 79).....\$15.00

\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (80+).....FREE

\_\_\_ Business, Corporation, Association.....\$30.00

\_\_\_ Lifetime (Member & Spouse).....\$400.00

Note: EGHS is a California Non-Profit Corporation  
Dues may be deductible under IRS code 501(c)3